

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

We, Donald W. Bennett, Johnny B. Fay and Scott W. Long, joint inventors herein, hereby declare that:

Our residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to our names.

We believe that we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

"WEAR RESISTANT WELL PUMP ROD AND METHOD FOR MAKING SAME",
the specification of which is attached hereto.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to in this declaration.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Patent and Trademark Office all information known to us to be material to the patentability of any claim in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56, and which is material to the examination of this application, namely, information where there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent.

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<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u> <u>(day, month, year)</u>
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We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code §112, we acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

<u>U.S. Serial No.</u>	<u>U.S. Filing Date</u>	<u>Status</u>
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DECLARATION CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS
(37 C.F.R. §1.9(f) and §1.27 (b)) - INDEPENDENT INVENTOR

We, Donald W. Bennett, Johnny B. Fayo and Scott W. Long, hereby declare that we qualify as independent inventors as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.9(c) for the purposes of paying reduced fees under Section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled

"WEAR RESISTANT WELL PUMP ROD AND METHOD FOR MAKING SAME"

X in the application filed herewith.

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